



**The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee**

MINUTES

**April 15, 2021, 3:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Minnie de Jong, Chair
Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair
Marius Marsh
Warren McCarthy
John Vickers

Members Absent: Councillor Adam Bureau

Staff Present: Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk
Judy Smith, Environmental Officer, County of Northumberland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Minnie de Jong, called the Meeting to Order at 3:00 P.M.

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair, Minnie de Jong, recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Moved by Marius Marsh

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared by Committee Members.

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

7. REPORTS

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Other Suggestions from Presentation to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Motion to Council / CO2/GHG Impact Column on Work plan

Members of the Committee engaged in a discussion regarding the setting of objectives on how advisory committees would utilize the CO2/GHG Impact column on their Work Plan and the criteria to rank high, medium or low. The committee discussed the creation of a rubric, setting parameters/guidelines and associating a meaning with each level. Chair, Minnie de Jong, suggested the committee try the CO2/GHG Impact column with the SCCAC work plan to see how it will work. The Committee agreed to this suggestion before recommending it to other advisory committees.

Carbon Footprint Calculator:

Warren McCarthy, citizen member, provided background information and overview of the Transportation Advisory Committee requesting a recommended carbon footprint calculator by the committee. Judy Smith, Environmental Officer, spoke to the Carbon Zero calculator and provided comments in support of the usage of this calculator.

Minnie de Jong, left the meeting at 3:30 PM. Vice-Chair, Anthony Pitts, took over role as Chair.

Members of the Committee engaged in a discussion regarding the usage of a carbon footprint calculator, whether the Committee should promote a carbon calculator, the kind of carbon offset and whether more research is required. Marius Marsh, Citizen Member, raised concerns with promoting the Carbon Zero calculator as it is made by a for-profit organization.

Krystal Christopher, Committee Secretary, agreed to report back to the committee to confirm whether the committee can promote a calculator from a for-profit organization. Members agreed to refer this matter to the next meeting for further discussion.

8.2 Response to TAC re Implementing Suggestions:

No discussion took place on this item as item 8.1 was referred to the next meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by John Vickers

THAT the meeting be adjourned (3:47 PM)

Carried

11. NEXT MEETING

May 5, 2021